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# St. Louis Blues

"Well, they say that life begins at forty—I wouldn't know—but I was forty the year 'St. Louis Blues' was composed, and ever since then my life has . . . revolved around that composition." (W. C. Handy)

By W. C. Handy  
(1914)

E A A7 E E7

I hate to see \_\_\_\_\_ the eve-nin' sun go down, \_\_\_\_\_  
Feel-in' to mor - row like\_ I feel to - day, \_\_\_\_\_

A A7 E

Hate to see \_\_\_\_\_ the eve-nin' sun go down, \_\_\_\_\_  
Feel to-mor - row like\_ I feel to - day, \_\_\_\_\_

B7 1. E

'Cause\_\_ myba - by he done left this town. \_\_\_\_\_  
I'll pack mytrunk \_\_\_\_ make my get a -

2. E *Tacet Chords* Em Am A#dim

way. \_\_\_\_\_ St. Lou-is wo-man, \_\_\_\_\_ with her dia-mond

B7

rings \_\_\_\_\_ Pulls that man round \_\_\_\_\_ by her a - pron

Em Am7 A#dim

strings. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Twan't for pow-der \_\_\_\_\_ and for store-bought

B7

hair, \_\_\_\_\_ The man I love \_\_\_\_\_ would not gone no -

Em F#7 B7 E Edim E Edim

where, no - where. Got the St. Lou-is blues just as

E Edim E E A E A E A E7 A

blue as \_ I \_ can be, \_ That \_ man got a heart like a

E A E A E A E

rock cast \_ in \_ the sea, \_ Or \_ else he \_ would-n't have gone

B7 E

\_ so \_ far \_ from \_ me. \_